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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING — NOVEMBER 2017

Meeting. The State Board of Education met in Des Moines on November 15, 2017. The Board saw a presentation from Deborah Reed, Director of the Iowa Reading Research Center, and had a business meeting. During the business meeting the Board heard public comment on ARC 3364, regarding the changes made to the definition of “runaway” to align Iowa Administrative Code with the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#).

Director’s Report. Director Wise’s report focused on the American Institutes for Research (AIR) report on the outcomes of the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) Program, available [here](#). Outcomes include the following:

- Most school districts are meeting their “soft” goals (collaboration, quality of instruction, professional development, etc.), but are not yet seeing a shift in achievement on statewide assessments.
- Fifty percent of districts are seeing an increase in achievement on locally created assessments.
- Eighty-seven percent of teachers and 93.0% of administrators agree strongly or somewhat that the TLC Program is improving teaching.

The next report from AIR on the TLC Program will include six in-depth case studies as well as a broad overview similar to the current report. The report is expected in summer 2018. The Board discussed ways of communicating the strengths of the TLC Program to the public.

Rules. The Board approved administrative rules changes regarding the following:

- Adoption of computer science standards based on recommendations from the Computer Science Education Work Group.
- Changes to the chapter on special education to realign the definition of a “standard/regular high school diploma” to [Every Student Succeeds Act](#) (ESSA) requirements.
- Adjustments to the chapter on the Childhood Development Coordinating Council (CDCC) to streamline business operations and make changes required by [HF 568](#) (FY 2018 Education Appropriations Act).

Other Business. The Board approved the paraeducator preparation programs at Keystone Area Education Agency (AEA) and Kirkwood Community College and heard a presentation on the findings of the Computer Science Education Work Group. Additionally, there was a presentation on the general accreditation process for all AEAs. This process is being adjusted so that it will be parallel to the process that school districts go through.

The Fine Arts Standards Task Force presented the proposed fine arts standards for approval by the Board. These standards are voluntary for school districts to use and align to the Model Cornerstone Assessments, which are curriculum-embedded assessments for grades 2, 5, 8, and high school. The final report is available [here](#). The Standards were adopted by the Board.

The Board also heard a presentation on the recommendations of the Future Ready Iowa Alliance. More information on these recommendations is available [here](#).

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